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WHEREAS, WE, CHRISTOPHE BECLIN, TALINE ELMAYAN, and HERVÉ VAUCHERET, citizens of France, whose post office addresses are 57, rue du Port Royal, F-78470 St-Rémy-les-Chevreuses, France, 8, rue Pierre Palliot, F-21000 Dijon, France, and 3, rue de Wahlbach, F68510 Rantzwiller, France, respectively, have made an invention entitled "NOVEL SGS3 PLANT GENE AND USES THEREOF" as set forth and described in International Patent Application PCT/FR00/02052 filed July 13, 2000 and United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/030,829 filed January 11, 2002; and

WHEREAS, AVENTIS CROPSCIENCE S.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of France, and having an office for the transaction of business at 55, avenue René Cassin, F-69009 Lyon, France, and INSTITUT NATIONAL RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of France, and having an office for the transaction of business at 147, rue de l'Université, F-75341 Paris Cedex 07, France, are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that WE, the said CHRISTOPHE BECLIN, TALINE ELMAYAN, and HERVÉ VAUCHERET, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to us in hand paid by said AVENTIS CROPSCIENCE S.A. and INSTITUT NATIONAL RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE, and other valuable considerations unto us moving from said AVENTIS CROPSCIENCE S.A. and INSTITUT NATIONAL RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said AVENTIS CROPSCIENCE S.A. and INSTITUT NATIONAL RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled "NOVEL SGS3 PLANT GENE AND USES THEREOF" as set forth in United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/030,829 filed January 11, 2002, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements including all priority rights, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

AND WE, the said CHRISTOPHE BECLIN, TALINE ELMAYAN, and HERVÉ VAUCHERET, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said AVENTIS

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AND WE, the said CHRISTOPHE BECLIN, TALINE ELMAYAN, and HERVÉ VAUCHERET, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said AVENTIS CROPSCIENCE S.A. and INSTITUT NATIONAL RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE, its successors and assigns, that we have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that we, our executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said AVENTIS CROPSCIENCE S.A. and INSTITUT NATIONAL RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said AVENTIS CROPSCIENCE S.A. and INSTITUT NATIONAL RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that we will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

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